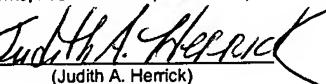


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Madam:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 25, 2006, Applicants hereby elect without traverse the species set forth in claims 22-23.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner deems claims 9-21 and 24-36 to be generic claims. As noted by the Examiner, "upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141." Thus, restrictions imposed on species encompassed by generic claims must be withdrawn upon indication of an allowable generic claim.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. MIY-P03-024 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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